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REMOVING ENCAPSULATING  
MATERIAL FROM A PACKAGED  
MICROELECTRONIC DEVICE

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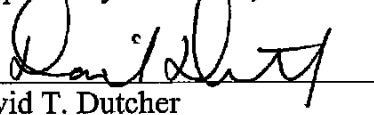
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